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***GOVERNOR NAPOLITANO JOINS NATIONAL MUSEUM
OF THE MARINE CORPS GOVERNORS COUNCIL
Effort to Find Every Arizona Marine Begins***

PHOENIX – Governor Janet Napolitano today announced she has officially joined the Governors Council of the National Museum of the Marine Corps, and appointed Patrick F. Chorprenning as the state's liaison to the Museum. Chorprenning's first task is to begin searching for every Arizona Marine – any individual who has ever worn the uniform of the United States Marine Corps. The Museum, located in Quantico, Virginia (outside of Washington, DC), opens later this year and will be a lasting tribute to Marines – past, present and future – and share the Marines' unique role in shaping American history.

"To be a part of the Museum's Governors Council is an honor, and I look forward to engaging all Arizona Marines in this worthwhile project," said Governor Napolitano.

The Governors Council is taking on a nationwide, state-by-state initiative to locate every member of the United States Marine Corps, past and present, and their families, so that all Marines can be directly involved with the National Museum of the Marine Corps. The project will also provide every Marine the opportunity to be included on the Museum's Roll of Honor and participate in the Museum's activities. More information about the museum can be found at www.usmcmuseum.org/Programs_Museum.asp.

Chorprenning serves as Director of the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services, a cabinet position, and as the Governor's Policy Adviser for Military Affairs. Chorprenning was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps upon graduating from Frostburg State University (MD), and later seriously wounded in combat in 1970 during the Vietnam War.

"We welcome Governor Napolitano to the Council and look forward to working with Mr. Chorprenning to connect with all the proud Marines in Arizona," said Lt. Gen. Ron Christmas (ret.), President of the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation. "The Museum is a true national treasure that will share the history and lore of the Marines with all Americans. We look forward to continuing our work with Governor Napolitano and the people of Arizona."

The National Museum of the Marine Corps is under construction on a 135-acre site adjacent to the U.S. Marine Corps Base and will serve as the centerpiece of the Marine Corps Heritage Center. Construction of the building is more than 75 percent complete, with several major artifacts, including aircrafts, tanks, landing vehicles, and artillery pieces already installed. The Museum's dedication is set for November 10, 2006, with a public opening to follow on November 13, 2006. Marines interested in becoming involved in the project should contact Patrick Chorprenning by e-mail at usmcmuseum@azdvs.gov or by calling (602) 255-3373.



About the National Museum of the Marine Corps

The National Museum of the Marine Corps will be located on a 135-acre site adjacent to the U.S. Marine Corps Base in Quantico, VA. It will serve as the centerpiece of the Marine Corps Heritage Center, a complex of facilities which will include the Museum, a memorial park, parade grounds, artifact restoration and storage facilities and an on-site conference center and a hotel. The Museum and Marine Corps Heritage Center, along with the General Alfred M. Gray Marine Corps Research Center, will make Quantico the foremost center for the study of the Marine Corps, an exciting destination for Marines and civilians alike.

The Museum will honor, preserve and tell America's story through the eyes of Marines, focusing on their contributions to preserving American freedom and interests during past centuries and today. The Museum will depict great events of American history from the perspective of Marines who participated, helping Americans and visitors from around the world understand the steadfastness and strength of the United States Marine Corps.

Visitors will be immersed in the Marine Corps experience. Exhibits will help visitors appreciate what it means to be in the Corps and help them understand the Marine Corps values of freedom, discipline, courage and sacrifice. Visitors will learn about the evolution of the Marine Corps and its history through exhibits that place them in the midst of the action. Guests will experience the unique challenges of boot camp, walk through a winter battlefield scene from the Korean War, emerge from the rear of a helicopter into a combat zone in Vietnam and listen to recordings of Marines telling their own stories. The Museum's exhibits will use cutting-edge multimedia technology coupled with the display of priceless vintage artifacts, including aircraft, tanks and landing craft. Exhibitions will include documentary films, murals, combat art, uniforms, personal letters from the front and such icons as the original flag raised at Iwo Jima during World War II.

Designed by award-winning firm Fentress Bradburn Architects, the Museum will span approximately 118,000 square feet on opening day, with an eventual expansion to nearly 181,000 square feet. The Museum and Heritage Center is a public-private venture shared by the Marine Corps and the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation.

For more information visit www.USMCMuseum.org.



NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE MARINE CORPS FACT SHEET



- The National Museum of the Marine Corps, which opens in November 2006, will honor all Marines past and present, while recounting their rich and vivid history.
- The Museum is a partnership between the United States Marine Corps and the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation.
- Located conveniently off I-95 and adjacent to the Marine Corps base at Quantico, VA, the Museum is just 20 miles from Washington, DC.
- The 135-acre plot of wooded parkland for the Museum was donated by Prince William County, VA
- The Marine Corps possesses 60,000 artifacts, which the Museum's staff maintains and preserves.
- The National Museum, ascending 210 feet at its pinnacle, will soar over the tree line and be visible day and night. The dramatic Iwo Jima-inspired mast will be visible from I-95 and surrounding areas.
- Artifacts on display will include an AV-8 Harrier jet, personal letters from the battle front and the original and newly restored flag raised on Mount Suribachi at Iwo Jima. The Museum will also contain tanks, artillery pieces, World War II aircraft, small arms and uniforms. More than 1,800 photographs and illustrations will document the Marine experience for visitors, along with Dan Daly's Medals of Honor and Smedley Butler's campaign cover.
- Fentress Bradburn Architects was chosen to design the Museum; Christopher Chadbourne and Associates Inc. has partnered with the architect to design the exhibit galleries; and Design and Production Incorporated is translating the exhibit design into reality.
- The National Museum will include some 118,000 square feet on opening day. The design anticipates expansion to 181,000 square feet.
- Phase I will include exhibits documenting World War II, Korea and Vietnam, as well as what it takes to "make a Marine." Other galleries being designed for Phase I, to be installed at a later date, include the Colonial period, the Civil War era, and World War I.
- Phase II will expand the Museum to include additional exhibits, an IMAX theater, a display armory, parade grounds, hiking trails, Semper Fidelis Memorial Park and a chapel.
- The Marine Corps Heritage Foundation is raising the funds for construction of the Museum. The Marine Corps is providing the land and funding the exhibits.
- The National Museum is designed to preserve the environment and to blend in with its surroundings. Steps are being taken to make the complex energy efficient, which will in turn, reduce operating costs.
- The United States Mint has issued the 2005 Marine Corps 230th Anniversary Silver Dollar, with surcharges helping fund construction of the Museum. The Silver Dollar sold out in less than three months.

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The Marine Corps Roll of Honor

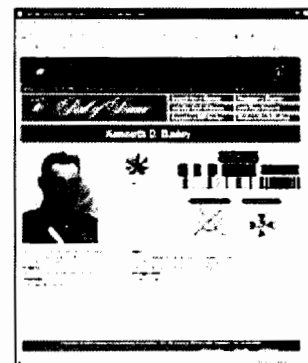
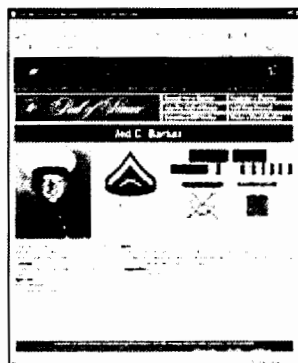
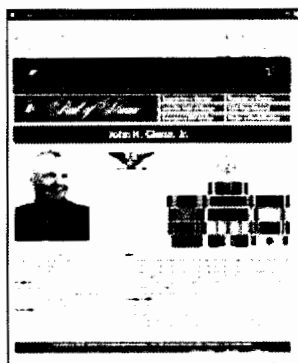
Coming in the near future, **The Marine Corps Roll of Honor** will be an online national registry of past and present Marines, as well as family and friends who have supported the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation. Every Marine (active-duty, Reserve and Veteran) is invited to actively participate in the National Museum of the Marine Corps by contributing their own record of the service they gave as Marines, standing with other Marines to be appropriately recognized and contribute to the proud history of the Marine Corps.

Donors, families and friends of living and deceased Marines can also register their loved ones and provide a tribute to the valuable individual contribution of those Marines' service to our nation as a permanent part of the National Museum.

The Roll of Honor will be available for viewing at all times online, and on continuous display on computer kiosks throughout the National Museum. Visitors to the Roll of Honor can search for individuals based on name, hometown, dates and places of training, Marine units, and many other criteria. Selecting an individual's record brings into view a visual display of that Marine's service record, including awards and decorations, rank, training, occupational specialties, campaigns and units, as well as a service photograph, if provided. When a visitor clicks on specific elements of the display, many historical details, descriptions and individual award citations are displayed to enhance the visitor's understanding of and appreciation for the proud heritage of the Marine Corps as uniquely experienced by that individual.

Please forward your name, rank, mailing address and your email address to **usmcmuseum@azdvs.gov** so you can personally be notified when the Roll of Honor is ready for your registration.

Sample Profiles



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GOVERNORS NATIONWIDE JOIN COUNCIL FOR NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE MARINE CORPS

Govs. Matt Blunt (MO), Theodore Kulongoski (OR) and Former Gov. Mark Warner (VA), Serve as Council Co-Chairs.

Quantico, Va. – Governors of all 50 states have signed on to do their part in support of the National Museum of the Marine Corps, to be dedicated on November 10, 2006 in conjunction with the United States Marine Corps' 231st birthday. Co-Chaired by Governors Matt Blunt (MO), Theodore Kulongoski (OR), and former Governor Mark Warner (VA), the Council has pledged to locate and connect with all Marines in their respective states. In an effort to reach out to every Marine in the nation, the governors have recognized the importance in communicating to Marines how they can play a vital role in shaping the legacy of *their* national museum. In addition to joining the Governors Councils, every state governor has appointed an official state liaison to assist in locating Marines in their state and sharing information about the museum.

"This initiative is designed to locate every member of the United States Marine Corps and their families, so that all Marines can be directly involved with the National Museum of the Marine Corps," said Lt. Gen. Ron Christmas (ret.), President of the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation. "We are honored that the Governors have agreed to be a part of this effort and participate in celebrating the proud history of the Marine Corps. We also are grateful to each of them for designating outstanding liaisons who will be integral in reaching out to Marines in their state and in building awareness of the Museum."

Located in Quantico, Virginia, the National Museum of the Marine Corps is being built as the result of a public-private venture between the Marine Corps and the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation. Once completed, the Museum will be the centerpiece of a campus called the Marine Corps Heritage Center; a place where Marines from across the country can convene together, share their experiences, celebrate their victories, and honor their fallen. It will also become a gateway for the American people to have the opportunity to learn and understand just what it takes to be a Marine.

"The cooperation and dedication of Governors from across the country in our endeavor signifies the importance of the National Museum of the Marine Corps to our nation," said Gen. Michael W. Hagee, Commandant of the Marine Corps. "Not only does this pay tribute to the courageous men and women who have fought hard for our country since the Revolutionary War, but it also gives visitors, Marines and civilians alike, an opportunity to see, hear, and feel history through the Marine experience."

A complete Governors Council list, as well as their appointed liaisons, follows this release. For more information on the Governor's Council, or the National Museum of the Marine Corps, please contact Carrie Sloan at 202-414-0776, Carlyn Reichel at 202-414-0788, or Chris Vassil at 202-414-0779.